

DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 75-174

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM - CLARIFICATION OF FOOD STAMP MANUAL SECTION 63-2264.2:
INCOME DEDUCTION FOR INCOME TAX

REFERENCE:

This is to clarify the above manual section in accordance with a recent Food and Nutrition Service policy interpretation as a result of concern expressed by several states. This is also a reaffirmation of verbal policy interpretations which Food Stamp Management has been providing to counties.

"Mandatory deductions from earned income which are not elective at the option of employee" shall not be interpreted to mandate the use of tax tables. Only the actual amount deducted for local, state, or federal income tax withholding payments as indicated by the applicants' pay stubs should be used, and eligibility workers should not use tax tables to determine if an excessive amount is being withheld.

This does not preclude using tax tables to verify those mandatory deductions anticipated during the certification period for households having no prior pay stubs, employer's statements, or similar sources from which to verify income deductions.

Regulation revisions reflecting this interpretation are in process.

If you have any questions regarding this material, please contact Joe Bonelli, Food Stamp Policy Coordination Bureau at (916) 445-6907.

Sincerely,

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